

Application No.: 10/675,329
Response Dated: December 11, 2006
Reply to Office Action Dated: August 25, 2006

REMARKS

In a non-final Office Action mailed August 25, 2006, the Examiner in charge of the above-noted application objected to and rejected the claims for a variety of reasons.

Applicants respond to each of the Examiner's objections and rejections below. In view of the amendments noted above and the arguments presented herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the merits of this application.

Restriction Requirement

On May 4, 2006, applicants' representative, elected Group II (Claims 7-13) in a reply. That election is acknowledged as Group I (Claims 1-6) and Group III (Claims 14-16) are hereby withdrawn from prosecution.

Objections to Claims

Claims 7-13 are objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The Examiner alleges the phrase, "microarray slide," of Claim 7 is vague and indefinite, as it may be synonymous with the term "microarray" or to a different structure. Applicants amend Claim 7 to refer to the term "microarray."

In addition, the Examiner alleges the acronym "DNP" of Claim 8 is vague and indefinite because one skilled in the art may not be apprised of its meaning. Applicants amend Claim 8 to recite that DNP is dinitrophenol. Support for this amendment is located at paragraph [00018] of the present application.

Furthermore, the Examiner alleges the acronym "NPPOC" of Claim 12 is vague and indefinite because one skilled in the art may not be apprised of its meaning. Applicants amend Claim 12 to recite that NPPOC is 2-(2 nitro phenyl) propoxy carbonyl. Support for this amendment is located at paragraph [00011] of the above-identified application.

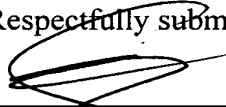
Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that in view of these claim amendments and remarks, the rejection be reconsidered, withdrawn and that a timely notice of allowance be issued in this case.

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Fees

A petition for a one month extension of time accompanies this response so that the response will be deemed to have been timely filed. Should any other extension of time be due, please consider this to be a request for the appropriate extension of time and a request to charge the fee due to the Deposit Account No. 17-0055. Likewise, no other fee is believed due, but should any other fee be due, in this or any subsequent response, please consider this to be a request to charge the fee to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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